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Please vote to remove the costliest proposals (032, 058, 059, 060, 062, 063, 065, 066, 079, 080, 089, and 091) from the final Group 2 code package. At a time when Washington is already pricing 85% of families out of new homes, we simply cannot afford to pass these codes.

This code package would increase the up-front cost of a new home by a minimum of \$24,070 and price-out 52,954 families from homeownership.

But that's not the whole of it - don't forget the myriad other "vitally important" regulatory initiatives piling on to make housing increasingly unaffordable. The cumulative impact isn't being considered by siloed agencies myopically focused on their agenda.

And the severity and interval of the new requirements is outpacing the construction industry's ability to find solutions to implement them practically.

And finally, this is terrible timing with macro-economic conditions that are daily becoming more concerning and problematic to maintaining even the insufficient level of housing development seen over the last several decades.

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